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Use of Hindi in Madras Public Service Commission Examination.

* 2423 Q.—SRI P. RANGASWAMI REDDIAR: Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Central Government have issued any directions to the State Government, with respect to the use of Hindi in all examinations to be held by the Madras Public Service Commission; and

(b) if so, the steps taken by the Government in pursuance of the said directions?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM: (a) This Government have not received any directions from the Central Government about the use of Hindi in the examinations to be held by the Madras Public Service Commission.

(b) Does not arose.

SRI P. RANGASWAMI REDDIAR: Sir, in view of the great agitation and misapprehension entertained by the people in the South with respect to the introduction of Hindi either compulsorily or optionally, will the Government be pleased to place the correspondence between the State and the Centre on the table of this House?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM: Sir, categorical statements have been made on the floor of this House and also outside the House. The misapprehension is a wanton misapprehension. For those who want to understand things, everything has been made clear. If people want to misunderstand the actual position, we cannot help.

Service conditions of cashewnut workers.

* 2424 Q.—SRI M. KALYANASUNDARAM: Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state with reference to the answer given to Question No. 732 on 16th February 1955—

(a) whether the Government have received any representation from the General Secretary, Cashewnut Workers' Union, Mangalore, dated 15th March 1955, in regard to their service conditions; and

(b) if so, what action has been taken thereon?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM: (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Control of Crossword Puzzle competitions.

* 2425 Q.—SRI N. K. PALANISAMY: Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(a) whether the State Government was consulted by the Central Government in regard to the proposed legislation to control Crossword puzzle competitions; and